

# **OPERATIONS & INFRASTRUCTURE December 8, 2015**

## Activities from November 1, 2015 to November 30, 2015

#### **Grounds Maintenance**

- Performed general cleanup and perimeter trash pickup district-wide.
- Mowed developed areas and trail sides district-wide and prepped shrub beds.
- Performed routine animal care at Ryerson.
- Planted and watered trees at Ryerson Woods and Hastings Lake.
- Repaired turf trails at Waukegan Savanna.
- Pruned trees and cleared brush at Duck Farm, Fox River, Fourth Lake and Grant Woods and removed dead trees along the horse trail at Lakewood.
- Repaired picnic tables at Lakewood.
- Took down volleyball nets at Nippersink and Lakewood and installed side walls at the Hastings Lake enclosed shelter.
- Continued to assist in removal and storage of boats at Fox River Marina.
- Leaf removal and mulching at Bonner Farm, along the Des Plaines River Trail, Greenbelt, Hastings Lake, Lakewood, Lyons Woods, McDonald Woods, Millennium Trail, Old School, Van Patten Woods and Wright Woods.
- Installed snowmobile signs at Duck Farm, Fourth Lake, Grant Woods, Lakewood, Nippersink, Raven Glen, Rollins Savanna, Waukegan Savanna and the Des Plaines River Trail (north section).
- Prepped Lakewood Winter Sports Area.
- Conducted maintenance on solar lighting at Lakewood Winter Sports Area and Old School.
- Set snow removal stakes at all preserves.
- Shutdown irrigation system at Independence Grove.
- Room setup at Greenbelt.
- Staff attended mandatory fire extinguisher training.

### **Natural Resources**

- Conducted herbicide applications at Ethel's Woods, Fourth Lake, Grant Woods, Middlefork Savanna, Rollins Savanna.
- Installed firebreaks at Raven Glen, Spring Bluff and Sun Lake.
- Reforestation activities at Edward L. Ryerson Conservation Area, Independence Grove, MacArthur Woods, Singing Hills and Wright Woods.
- Conducted removal of hazardous trees and dead ash trees along the Des Plaines River Trail, Fox River, Old School, Oriole Grove and Wright Woods.
- Performed controlled burns at Cuba Marsh, Ethel's Woods, Fourth Lake, Independence Grove, Lyons Woods, Marl Flat, Middlefork Savanna, Raven Glen, Rollins Savanna, Spring Bluff and Wadsworth Savanna.
- Seed processing and dispersal at Fourth Lake.
- Surveyed trees at Nippersink.

#### Infrastructure

- Repaired cable gates at Nippersink, Ryerson Woods and Wright Woods.
- Reshaped berms at ThunderHawk Golf Club.
- Installed signs at Buffalo Creek, Grassy Lake, Lyons Woods and Pine Dunes.
- Cleaned out bridge abutment and drain way off of the Des Plaines River Trail at Route 120.
- Removed a building foundation at Independence Grove.
- Demolition of house at Greenbelt.
- Installed fencing and stone overlooks at Pine Dunes.
- Built culverts on the trail at Wright Woods.
- Removed water line at the Lakewood Ranger Station.
- Poured concrete pad for drinking fountain at Lakewood Scout Camp.
- Completed 207 vehicle and equipment service jobs.
- Trained on new Integrated Inventory Management System.